

Spurgeon Baptist Church



Morning Worship

Opening Sentences

**We praise the name of the Father,
We praise the name of the Son,
We praise the name of the Spirit,
The glorious Three in One.**

Profession of faith

**Now faith is being sure of what we hope for
and certain of what we do not see;**

So, even though it is dark,
I will trust in you.

Even though the path is hidden,
I will trust in you.

Even though you are silent,
I will trust in you.

Prayer of confession and repentance

Lord, remembering the depths of your love to us,
we repent of our half hearted discipleship.

We have been called to deny ourselves:

**forgive us for putting self-interest before the interests of your
kingdom;
forgive us that Christ's Lordship in our hearts has been challenged
by our ambition, our appetites, our desires and our needs;
forgive us for not being self-forgetful in our care for other people.**

Lord, we have been called to carry a cross:

forgive us for complaining when it has weighed heavily upon us;

**forgive us that, having received so much, we have sacrificed so little;
forgive us for the limits we have set to Christian love;
forgive us that we have settled for mediocrity, resisting the fire and compassion of Christ's love upon the cross.**

Amen

(from Patterns and Prayers for Christian Worship)

Reading

Sermon

Prayers for others

Canticle

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus;

who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped;

He made himself nothing, taking the nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man he humbled himself and became obedient to death - even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name:

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth, and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Allelujah! Amen.

Blessing

Now, may the Lord Christ go with you wherever he may send you,
May he guide you through the wilderness and protect you through the
storm;

May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you;

May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

Amen

(from Celtic Daily Prayer: A Northumbrian Office)